

DOWD WATER SYSTEMS, INC.
77 Dowd Road
Prosperity, South Carolina 29127

August 24, 2009

Mr. Charles L. A. Terreni, Esquire
Chief Clerk and Administrator
Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, South Carolina 29210


Re: Docket No. 2003-7-W, Order No. 2003-520
Dowd Water Systems, Inc.
Wholesale Commodity Rate Increase Notification

Dear Mr. Terreni:

I am writing on behalf of Dowd Water Systems, Inc. to notify the Commission of a change in the wholesale rate for water by the Town of Chapin. This notification is required pursuant to a condition of Commission Order No. 2003-520 in Docket No. 2003-7. This letter is to serve as the ten (10) day notification requirement prior to the placement of the increase in wholesale commodity rate by the Town of Chapin. A copy of the Town of Chapin notice of the increase and along with the minutes of the Town's meeting minutes approving the increase is attached.

If you should have any questions, please contact me at (803) 345-2285.

Sincerely,


Sue Dowd

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The Public Hearings were advertised in the Chapin Times and the Freedom of the Press Act was complied with.

6:30 PM: Public Hearing Water Rate Ordinance - Mayor Stan Shealy called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30PM. A quorum was established with Kay Hollis, Robbie Frick, Leland Teal and Mayor Stan Shealy present. Vivian Atkins was not in attendance. No one had signed in to speak on the Water Rate Ordinance and no one wished to speak concerning the matter. Mayor Shealy called the hearing to a close at 6:32.

6:45 PM: Public Hearing 2009 Utility Budget - Mayor Stan Shealy called the Public Hearing to order. All members of Town Council as listed above were present with the addition of Vivian Atkins. No one present wished to speak concerning the Budget. Mayor Shealy called the hearing to a close at 6:47.

7:00 PM: Regular Session

1. Mayor Stan Shealy called the regular session of Town Council to order at 7:00PM. All members were present as listed above. Mayor began the meeting with prayer.
2. Leland Teal moved to accept the minutes of the October 7, 2008 meeting as written as well as the other reports presented in writing. This was seconded by Vivian Atkins and approved by all.
3. Police Chief Dave Rodgers advised he had presented his report in writing and did not have anything to add.
4. The Fire Department did not submit a report.
5. Attorney David Knight submitted his report in writing and advised there were attachments to his report he wished Council to be aware of. Attorney Knight has been active in sign cleanup efforts in the Town and advised he has written a revision to the Sign Ordinance Section of the Zoning Ordinance for the Planning Commission to consider. Among the changes Attorney Knight would like to see is a revision of the Political Sign section to say one sign per candidate per property or per 100 feet. Also Attorney Knight would like to see a statement advising the rights of certain Town Employees to remove illegal signs and penalty amounts. Real Estate signs were also addressed as the violators are insistent on replacing the signs. Council Members advised they would like the treatment of sign violators consistent.

Attorney Knight advised he is still dealing with the cleaning up of Mr. Hales property and the S & S garage property belonging to Mr. Slice. At Mr. Hales property, it might be considered a Health Hazard, but the road grader and dump truck if in running condition and properly licensed would not be a violation. At S & S Garage there are eight vehicles Attorney Knight counted without license plates. Also the old can bin, which is quite large, and the tire piles will have to be dealt with. Mayor advised the old cans and tires could be breeding places for mosquitoes, and animals. Attorney Knight has had resistance from Mr. Slice on the removal of the cans and is trying to resolve the issue. Mr. Slice is considering donating the cans to a civic organization.

6. Utility director Keith Murphy presented his report in writing and added the new water line construction will begin this Wednesday at Shady Acres. The South Chapin Gravity Sewer Line Phase III received bids today with a time frame of 30 days. The construction can not start until after the next Town Council Meeting.

7. Sam Delaney representing the 20/16 Committee and the Beautification Committee presented a proposal for 34 new banners to go up after the Christmas Decorations come down. The Banners will be on the Ellett Road side of Columbia Ave. and on the Post Office side of Chapin Road. The cost of the Banners is around \$86. per banner and Mr. Delaney is seeking approval from Town Council to appropriate the money from the Town's Budget with an amount not to exceed \$3000. Leland Teal moved to approve the banners and the use of Town money. Vivian Atkins seconded the motion and this was approved by all. Clerk Thompson advised the money was available in the 2008 budget under "Tourism Related" projects.

8. Marge Lowe, Utilities Specialist for the Town advised Council of the "Red Flag" new law requirements to establish an identity theft protection program. This program has been written by Mrs. Lowe to have the Town compliant and includes the shedding of documents, firewalls, and the reducing of the digits of Social Security numbers and other information that might lead to identity fraud. Leland Teal moved to accept the program as written by Mrs. Lowe. This was seconded by Kay Hollis and approved by all.

9. Council Member Vivian Atkins moved to approve a \$200. Christmas Bonus for the 11 Town employees. This was seconded by Robbie Frick and approved by all.

10. Clerk Thompson advised the lease contract on our main copier is due to expire in January. Council members will receive information at the December meeting on costs and a comparison of Buying vs Leasing to make a decision. The new copier will also print in color as the costs of the color printers has fallen into an affordable range. This was accepted as information.

*11. Second reading was given the Water Rate increase for 2009. There was no opposition presented to Council at the Public Hearing. This was given second reading prior to second

reading on the 2009 Water/Sewer budget as the budget is based on the approval of the increase. Leland Teal moved to approve second reading of the water rate increase which was seconded by Vivian Atkins and approved by all.

12. Second reading was given the 2009 Water/Sewer Budget. Vivian Atkins moved to accept second reading which was seconded by Kay Hollis and approved by all.

13. The Hall of Fame Ceremony and Reception were a big success and enjoyed by all. The Christmas Tree lighting ceremony is scheduled for December 4th at 7:00 at the old Theater next door to Town Hall.

14. An update was given by Mayor on the condition of Daniel Douglas, who is critical and Joseph Fellers who is now at home. The Chapin Community continues to pray for these Chapin students and their families.

Mayor Shealy spoke briefly on the High School transportation plan and the Columbia Avenue road widening. Lexington County Council and Administrator are continuing to pursue ways to re-evaluate the road projects as determined by Central Midlands, and perhaps make the widening project for Columbia Avenue more possible. Funding is the main problem and it does not look like the availability of enough money to fund even the first few projects is likely.

The Lexington County Municipal Association Christmas Dinner is at the Springdale House and Gardens on December 18th starting at 6:30. Council members are requested to advise Clerk Thompson if they are planning to attend.

The Chapin Area Fire Service Christmas party is Saturday December 6th, 6:30 at Mr. Horeb Church. Council members are invited.

15. Mayor Shealy adjourned the meeting at 7:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Adrienne Thompson".

Adrienne Thompson